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MACON, Ga. - The top-ranked and two-time defending NCAA Division II Armstrong Atlantic State men's tennis team claimed a 7-2 victory over the No. 2-ranked team in NAIA, Auburn-Montgomery, on Tuesday afternoon at the John Drew Smith Tennis Center in Macon, Ga.

The Pirates (18-0) survived the battle of the unbeaten, handing the Senators (16-1) their first loss of the 2010 season.

AASU won two of three doubles matches to take a 2-1 lead. The fourth-ranked duo of Rafael Array and Mikk Irdoja claimed a big 8-2 win over the top-ranked NAIA duo and ITA Super Bowl doubles champion duo of Michael Johnson and Alberto Romeo Gonzalez at No. 1 doubles. **Eudaldo Bonet** and Paul Fitzgerald defeated Sadio Doumbia and Bence Toth, 8-6, at No. 3 doubles. AUM claimed a point at No. 2 doubles as Saad Benkirane and Ayrton Wibowo beat Matus Mydla and Daniel Regan, 8-2.

The Pirates then claimed wins in five of six singles matches to clinch the match. Bonet collected a 6-4, 2-6, 6-3 win over the top-ranked singles player in NAIA, Romeo Gonzalez, at No. 1 singles. Fifth-ranked Array collected a 7-6 (7), 6-4 win over No. 4 (NAIA) Johnson at No. 3 singles, while Mydla defeated No. 38 (NAIA) Didavi, 6-4, 6-1, at No. 4 singles.

Regan also picked up a straight-set 7-5, 6-1 win over Toth at No. 5 singles for the Pirates, while 38th-ranked Fitzgerald bested No. 23 (NAIA) Benkirane, 1-6, 7-6 (4), 6-0, at No. 6 singles.

The Senators' only singles point came at No. 2 singles with No. 12 (NAIA) Doumbia notching a 6-4, 6-2 win over No. 7 Irdoja.

The Pirates return to action on Friday, April 2, with a 4:00 p.m. Peach Belt Conference contest against No. 14 Lander at Bacon Park.





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